

For and on behalf of Food Corporation of India	For and on behalf of the FCIESU (REGD. NO. 1158)
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**Export subsidy for wheat and rice**

1232. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Food Corporation of India is exporting wheat with huge subsidy;
- (b) the reasons for not giving such subsidy to Indian consumers;
- (c) the amount actually spent on export subsidy for wheat and rice during the last year; and
- (d) who bears the cost of export subsidy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The Food Corporation of India is not directly exporting wheat. It offers wheat from the Central Pool to the Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs), private exporters and other agencies.

(b) Government is subsidizing Indian consumers through Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Antyodaya Anna Yojana, Open Market Sales Scheme (Domestic) {OMSS (D)} and various other welfare schemes.

(c) and (d) During 2000-2001, Government released food subsidy of Rs. 12010 crores to FCI for various schemes including export.-

**Diversion of PDS foodgrains**

1233. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: